Ministry to monitor and review the progress at various fora and impress upon the State Government to complete this work expeditiously. So far, 582 districts and 2970 tehsils/taluks all over the country have been brought under the scheme.

Diversion of money provided under Employment Guarantee scheme

1163. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Government has diverted over Rs. 5,500 crore of employment Guarantee Scheme towards pending salaries of State employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to close down the scheme in the State due to this reasons;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures suggested by Government for proper utilisation of money provided for the scheme by State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development does not implement the Employment Guarantee Scheme which is a State Sector Scheme of Maharashtra Government.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Construction of Roads in inaccessible villages of Koraput district in Orissa

1164. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a project has been drawn up to construct roads to link about 200 inaccessible villages in Koraput district of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of the project and the total outlay involved; and

(c) by when the project would be completed and whether Centre has contributed for this project; it so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) The Government of Orissa have informed that they have formulated a project proposal for providing basic connectivity of 691 unconnected habitations of Koraput district.

(b) The proposal envisages construction of 1795 km. of new roads with proposed outlay of Rs. 118.15 crore. There is also a proposal to upgrade 1255.32 km. of existing roads with proposed expenditure of Rs. 94.23 crore.

(c) The Planning Commission, after scrutiny of the project proposal, has advised the State Government to indicate additional requirement of funds after assessing the availability of funds under the ongoing programmes of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) etc. and furnish revised proposals. The revised proposal has not been submitted.

Release of funds under SGSY and IAY to Madhya Pradesh

†1165. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the second instalment of money due under SGSY and Indira Awas Yojana in the year 2002-2003 for various districts of Madhya Pradesh was released in March, 2003;

(b) if so, whether this amount was fully utilized upto March 31, 2003;

(c) whether the amount of first instalment under Swarnjayanti Grameen Rozgar Yojana, Indira Awas Yojana and Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana for Madhya Pradesh for 2003-2004 has not been released till 16th June, 2003; and

(d) if so, the reasons for this delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) Under

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